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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/776,454
For: METHOD FOR ASSESSING FOOD ALLERGENICITY
Inventor(s): Gregorio del VAL et al.
Our Ref: 41627-20015.00

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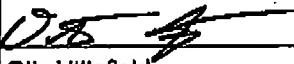
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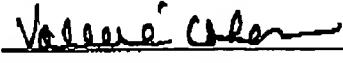
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated October 22, 2004, (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 101504), for which a response is due on January 22, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Additionally, this response is filed within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

The conclusion begins on page 12 of this paper.

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